

### ***Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on January 31, 2010.***

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

#### ***Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on January 31, 2010, by Region.***

	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Northern</b>	<b>Southcentral</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Statewide</b>
<i>Count</i>	758	353	733	190	<b>2,034</b>
<i>Mean Age</i>	6.9	7.4	8.5	8.7	<b>7.7</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	<b>7.0</b>
<i>Minimum Placements</i>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
<i>Maximum Placements</i>	35	30	29	25	<b>35</b>
<i>Mean Placements</i>	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.1	<b>4.1</b>
<i>Median Placements</i>	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	<b>3.0</b>
<i>Minimum Time in Care</i>	10	11	4	14	<b>4</b>
<i>Maximum Time in Care</i>	5,266	4,426	5,355	4,568	<b>5,355</b>
<i>Mean Time in Care</i>	758.2	605.9	720.4	737.3	<b>716.2</b>
<i>Median Time in Care</i>	534.0	459.0	509.0	605.0	<b>521.0</b>

#### ***Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on January 31, 2010, by Race.***

	<b>Native<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>White<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Other<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Und.</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	
<i>Count</i>	1,258	543	160	73	<b>2,034</b>	<sup>1</sup> Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.
<i>Mean Age</i>	7.7	8.1	7.4	5.7	<b>7.7</b>	
<i>Median Age</i>	7.0	7.0	6.0	4.0	<b>7.0</b>	<sup>2</sup> White is White only, excluding all other races.
<i>Minimum Placements</i>	1	1	1	1	<b>1</b>	
<i>Maximum Placements</i>	34	29	35	16	<b>35</b>	<sup>3</sup> Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, or Black/ African American.
<i>Mean Placements</i>	4.4	3.9	3.9	2.4	<b>4.1</b>	
<i>Median Placements</i>	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	<b>3.0</b>	
<i>Minimum Time in Care</i>	9	11	11	4	<b>4</b>	
<i>Maximum Time in Care</i>	5,355	4,252	4,964	1,948	<b>5,355</b>	
<i>Mean Time in Care</i>	728.4	751.9	694.0	288.2	<b>716.2</b>	
<i>Median Time in Care</i>	555.0	523.0	387.0	154.0	<b>521.0</b>	

*Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.*

*Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.*

*Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.*

*Time in Care is measured in days.*

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly\_ooh\_web.sas.

Data in this report is as of February 2, 2010. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to [ocs@alaska.gov](mailto:ocs@alaska.gov).